

THE GREENBERG RIVAL SISTERS

Frenzied Finance, Hester Street Edition, Illustrated by Rachel and Becky, Who Never Speak but to Fight.

CUT-RATE COMPETITORS IN THE BABY-SHOE TRADE.

Becky Pulled Rachel's Customer Away, and the Police Had to Settle Fight and Gather Up Scattered Stock.

Hester street has a brand new frenzied finance panic all of its own. Becky and Rachel Greenberg—sisters, too—are having war to the knife.

Rachel stands in front of No. 53 Hester street with her basket of baby shoes for sale, and right next door to her is that "smiling, hateful Becky," who drags away all her customers and cuts under Rachel's prices. It is the sensation of Hester street, and all of the neighbors have taken sides.

Yesterday, while Rachel was trying to sell a lovely pair of baby shoes, all lined with fur—real fur, too—Becky came and dragged the customer away. Then, after the manner of Hester street commercial ethics, Rachel ran after the customer. In the scuffle the purchaser escaped. So, also, did a large handful of Rachel's hair.

"Oh, she is a bad one, dot woman," said Rachel sadly, shaking her head. "Just because she have more money than me she gives herself airs. I am a poor woman, and dot Becky she don't want me to earn a living."

Becky's Ways and Rachel's.

"To-day she see a customer come for to buy some shoes and she scream, 'Don't buy off dot woman—her shoes the paper sales all have!'"

"Of course the customer look around. Then Becky she say: 'Come over here, you! I sell you a good shoe, and I only charge you twenty cent, where she sell you at thirty!'"

"Then to-day when she come and grab a customer away I don't like dot and I go after. When the police they separate us Becky she has spilled fifteen pair of my shoes in the street, and the horse have them spilt. Oh! it is too bad!"

Rachel looked at her small stock of shoes, her seamed face, inside its old brown shawl, a picture of despair.

In front of the next house, with her basket of baby shoes, stood Becky, a figure of triumph and defiant aggressiveness.

"Hat hat!" said Becky, "she sells no many shoes as I! I beat her in the business. My shoes I sell cheaper than her, and they are better, too!"

"Do I not like my own sister? Me? No, no. We have not speak for four year, ever since she come jealous of me. We never speak except to fight. Do I take her customers away? Of course I do," and Becky chuckled gleefully as she led a thrifty Hester street buyer from the sad-looking Rachel.

No Sentiment in Hester Street.

On Hester street, where the bargains are valued by the half cent difference, the warfare of the two sisters has little of sentiment when it comes to getting shoes cheaper.

All of the neighbors agree that Rachel, sad-faced and stoical, is badly treated, and they all stand up for her, theoretically speaking, but when it comes to buying a pair of shoes for little Moo or Baby Solomon, the warfare of Becky, flauntingly thrust in the purchaser's face at a price underbidding poor Rachel, tears the customer away from the side of principle.

A quarrel which started over a customer being torn from Rachel's side landed the two sisters in Essex Market court yesterday. Policeman Launder, of the Eldridge street station, who heard yells and screams from the vicinity of No. 53 Hester street, and who saw furlined baby shoes and plain baby shoes, patent leather tipped baby shoes and all kinds of baby shoes flying through the air, ran frantically to the scene. When he separated the two frailest fighters he discovered that they were the rival sisters, Rachel and Becky, who are merchants, of Hester street.

Half and Shoes Scattered.

Blows and the yanking out of hair had been part of the process, but damage of Becky's stock in trade was the greater loss in the eyes of the thrifty Hesterites.

The sisters were arraigned in Essex Market Police Court, but were discharged with the admonition to settle their business difficulties on a more arbitral basis in future.

"I have if here eight year," said Rachel, "and I try to earn my living. It is not much to sell ten pair of shoes a day. I only make one, two cents a pair. Then that Becky she drag the customer away and I get very poor. It is not right, but I never speak with Becky except when she fight me."

Becky, the younger and smaller of the sisters, is thirty years old, while Rachel is forty. The younger woman smiles and laughs at her victory, while the older one is a picture of despair.

"Ach, mine shoes they are the good ones. I sell them from twenty to forty cents, and I make that money. I live here a long time and I stay here. If I sell my shoes cheaper it is my right. That is business on Hester street."

The two weather-beaten-looking sisters standing side by side in front of their homes on Hester street, never speaking to each other except to raise the angry voice of contention, are looked upon even in mercenary and stoical Hester street with some wonder.

"It is the queer sisters they are," said a young Hebrew woman. "They come to this country together when they were girls, and look at them now. I like Rachel the best, but we go where we get our shoes cheapest. Ain't that so?"

FAMOUS GUIDE TO KILL LIONS

DENVER, Dec. 30.—John Giff, the Colorado guide who conducted Roosevelt's hunt in a hunt for the yellowstone Park of lions and wild cats.

GREENBERG SISTERS BRING NEW BRAND OF FRENZIED FINANCE INTO HESTER STREET



Becky

Rachael

WIFE'S TROUBLES PROSTRATE HIM

Dr. Thomas J. Bergin, Husband of Woman Who Was Indicted in Jersey City, in Condition of Collapse.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 30.—At his parents' home in Howard avenue Dr. Thomas J. Bergin lies in a state of nervous collapse today, the result of the shock and humiliation of his wife's arrest and indictment in Jersey City for passing fraudulent checks. He has been placed under the care of a noted nerve specialist here, and it is said that his recovery will be very slow.

Dr. Bergin's friends say that before he succumbed to the terrible strain to which he has been subjected by the troubles of his wife he repudiated her and sent her word that he never wanted to see her again. Members of the family assert that the doctor has been called upon to straighten out other cases similar to that of the Cushing clerk, and that when the news of the arrest of his wife reached New Haven he was deluged with demands from her creditors, some of them accompanied by threats of legal proceedings.

Mrs. Bergin, upon her arrival here from Jersey City after her release on bail, went at once to the Bergin home, in Orange street, but Dr. Bergin has asked her to vacate the premises.

An auction sale of the doctor's furniture and bric-a-brac has been advertised, and it is said that Mrs. Bergin will also sell her household effects and other personal property, redeem her debts and take her three children and go to Jersey City to live.

Mrs. Bergin says that the Jersey City affair is all due to a mistake which will be rectified soon and she will have no more trouble. She declined to discuss her plans for the future.

POLICE BUCKET BRIGADE SAVE MENACED CHURCH.

Captain and Detectives in Brooklyn Hold Flames in Check Until Firemen Arrive.

The new St. Michael's Church, Fourth avenue and Forty-second street, Brooklyn, which is not yet completed, suffered a \$100 loss by fire last night. The blaze started in the boiler-room in the basement, and was discovered by John Kelly, watchman for the construction company. He ran to the Fourth Avenue Police Station, where an alarm was turned in by Capt. David Evans. The latter, with three of his detectives and Kelly, then formed a bucket brigade and kept the fire from spreading until the arrival of the firemen. Dedication ceremonies had been planned for early in January.

Next to the bridge entrance is a place where popular home with the best of grain. And did you ever think what would happen to you if you fell down those stairs near that bad ground?

The "man" spoke, "What man? Now a in this town is exercise and eye diversion. Those stairs have brought many a station-passer to do so work and sent him home with the best of grain. Did you ever see the sun rise near the Polo Grounds? Nothing like it anywhere. And about that Battery taint, say, in another year you'll wake up in Brooklyn. Now can you beat that?"

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GIRL IMMIGRANT LEAPS INTO BAY

While En Route to Ellis Island on Barge Pretty Maiden Attempts Self-Destruction—Will Not Explain Deed.

Maria Lucia Silco, a pretty young immigrant, from Naples, is in the hospital at Ellis Island, as the result of an attempt to commit suicide by leaping from the barge Louisa C. while being conveyed to the island from the ship on which she arrived in this country. The barge was just entering her slip at Ellis Island when the young woman jumped into the bay. She fell on her face and floated without making any effort to save herself. The commotion on the barge attracted attention from the shore, and Charles Stock and George Lane, Immigration employees leaped into the water and dragged her out. She was taken to the hospital unconscious. When revived she refused to give any reason for her attempt against her life.

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Saturday Brings Best News of Our Clearance Sale of Women's Wear

Each day since Tuesday this Women's Wear Department has been thronged with eager purchasers. Our wonderfully low prices for superior suits, skirts, waists and jackets have influenced thousands to buy, many when the need was not apparent. Little wonder! Such prices for reliable and stylish garments are unknown. But make up your mind without delay if you want a share. Lots are dwindling and some sizes are missing.

\$10 Tailored Suits are reduced to..... 4.95

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\$27.50 Walking Suits are reduced to..... 13.95

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BRIDE AGED 14 IN CELL.

New York Girl Arrested in Hartford at Request of Brothers.

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 30.—John A. Horschell, aged 21, and Grace Sheek, aged 14, of New York, were arrested in this city last night at the instigation of Charles and William Sheek, brothers of Grace. The brothers claim that their sister ran away with Horschell, but when confronted the girl showed a marriage certificate. Her brothers took the paper to New York last night to determine its validity. Horschell and Miss Sheek were locked up at Police Headquarters all night.

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NAUSS-BROS MARKETS

3d AVENUE, 124th & 125th St. 2d AVENUE, Corner 80th St. 2d AVENUE, Corner 5th St.

New Year's Poultry.

Several carloads of choice New Year's Turkeys, Geese, Ducks, Fowl and Chickens arrived yesterday and are now on sale at specially low prices.

A FEW SPECIALS

Boneless PORTERHOUSE ROAST, 16c

EXTRA LARD, 16c

PORTERHOUSE STEAK, 16c

LED OF SPRING LAMB, 11c

FORE QUARTER SPRING LAMB, 8c

LEG OF MUTTON (Canada), 9c

FORE QUARTER MUTTON, 5c

STRAWBERRY BEETS, 10c

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